

IN THE CLAIMS

Claim 1. (original) A method of accessing a target Internet site comprising:

reading authorized user information from a smart card inserted into a user terminal;

transmitting the authorized user information from the user terminal to a server on the Internet;

receiving an authorization code with the user terminal, the authorization code being transmitted by the server in response to the authorized user information;

using the authorization code to retrieve a target Internet address from the smart card, wherein the target Internet address corresponds with the target Internet site; and

using the target Internet address retrieved from the smart card to access the target Internet site.

Claim 2. (original) The method of Claim 1, wherein the authorized user information on the smart card is provided by an owner of the server, and the target Internet address is provided by an owner of the target Internet site.

Claim 3. (original) The method of Claim 1, further comprising maintaining a database of authorized users in the server.

Claim 4. (original) The method of Claim 3, further comprising:

comparing the authorized user information with the database of authorized users in the server; and

issuing the authorization code with the server if the authorized user information corresponds with a valid entry in the database of authorized users in the server.

Claim 5. (original) The method of Claim 4, further comprising transmitting a code identifying the user terminal from the user terminal to the server on the Internet.

Claim 6. (original) The method of Claim 5, issuing the authorization code further comprises:

issuing a resident authorization code if the valid entry in the database corresponds with the code identifying the user terminal;

issuing a guest authorization code if the valid entry in the database does not correspond with the code identifying the user terminal.

Claim 7. (original) The method of Claim 1, further comprising transmitting a code identifying the user terminal from the user terminal to the server on the Internet.

Claims 8-16 (canceled)

Claim 17. (original) A user terminal for an Internet access network including a server and a target Internet site, the user terminal comprising:

means for reading authorized user information from a smart card;

means for transmitting the authorized user

information to the server;
means for receiving an authorization code from
the system server; and
means for retrieving a target Internet address
corresponding with the target Internet site from the
smart card in response to the authorization code; and
means for accessing the target Internet site in
response to the retrieved target Internet address.

Claim 18. (currently amended) An Internet access
network comprising:

a server having a server database that stores
authorized user information that identifies authorized
users of the Internet access network;

user terminals for enabling the authorized users
to access the Internet with support from the server;
and

a smart card for insertion into the user
terminals, the smart card being programmed to store
authorized user information for one of the authorized
users and a target Internet address associated with a
target Internet site;

means for retrieving the authorized user
information from the smart card within the user
terminal;

means for transmitting the retrieved authorized
user information from the user terminal to the server;

means for comparing the authorized user
information transmitted from the user terminal to the
server with the authorized user information stored in
the server database; and

means for authorizing access to the target

Internet site if the authorized user information transmitted from the user terminal to the server matches authorized user information stored in the server database.

Claim 19. (original) The Internet access network of Claim 18, wherein the target Internet site is independent of the server.

Claim 20. (original) The Internet access network of Claim 18, wherein an owner of the server controls the programming of the smart card.

21. (canceled)

22. (canceled)